Global Education Committee  
Trinity College of Arts And Sciences  
2017-2018 Academic Year Summary

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Student Petitions

This year the committee considered and approved 59 student petitions to study abroad on non-Duke programs that are currently not approved for credit for Duke undergraduates. As part of the petition process, students must present a compelling academic reason for their choice of study abroad programming.

Global Education Office Programming Updates

The Global Education Office (GEO) gave the following updates during the year:

- 50% of the graduating class of 2017 studied abroad for credit over the course of their undergraduate degree programs. This number does not include U.S.-based GEO programs or other non-GEO international experiences offered by Duke such as DukeEngage or Bass Connections.
- GEO operated 45 Duke study away programs in 2016-2017 in 38 nations. Nine of the programs were U.S.-based.
- Duke undergraduates can study away in 11 different terms over the course of their Duke careers.
- In October 2017, GEO added a new position – Academic Internship and Research Opportunities Coordinator – to assist with Duke-in practicum and research courses and advising, and to identify high quality, high impact, credit-bearing experiential and research experiences for Duke students among non-Duke course and program offerings abroad.

New Program Development

The committee review and approved new program proposals for the following programs this year (Phase I or Phase II approvals): Duke Middle East in Europe (II), Duke in Chile (II), Duke in Cuba (II), Duke in Sri Lanka (I and II), and Duke in Taipei (I).

Program Reviews

The committee discussed reports and findings of review teams reviewing the following Duke-administered study away programs:

- Duke in Montreal (Review team: Soraya Campbell – GEO; Laurie McIntosh – CULANTH)
• Duke in Costa Rica Language, Culture, and Health (Review team: Susan Pratt – GEO; David Boyer – DGHI/GLHLTH)
• Duke in Oxford (Review team: Amanda Kelso – GEO; David Rabiner – PSYCHOLOGY, Academic Advising Center)
• Duke in London Finance (Review team: Amanda Kelso – GEO; David Rabiner – PSYCHOLOGY, Academic Advising Center)
• Duke in Madrid (Review team: Camila Nardozzi, Harvard University; Laura Bass, Brown University; Kwame Dixon, Howard University)
• Duke in Los Angeles (Review team: Mark Dalhouse, Elon University; Nora Alter, Temple University; Stephen Tropiano, Ithaca College)

Important Topics of Discussion

The committee discussed the following topics, among others:

• Duke in Madrid began offering an intermediate track program focused on students at the 203-204 level of Spanish. The program consists of a 2 cc language course (203-204 combined) with the theme of Spanish gastronomy, plus two courses taken at the host university, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. Excursions and activities are fashioned around the theme and general knowledge of Spain.
• Upcoming change in the academic calendar of the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in Australia and how it will affect the fall semester academic program at UNSW, as well as Duke student enrollment patterns. The change goes into effect in 2019.
• Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Jennifer Francis gave the committee an update on the undergraduate degree program at Duke Kunshan University, including recruitment of students and faculty. The first cohort begins in fall 2018.
• The committee discussed course length in study away programs in light of recent discussions in Arts and Sciences Executive Council around contact hours and course length and what constitutes a course credit at Duke.
• The committee reviewed GEO’s review of the Duke-approved list and subsequent recommendations for the following countries/regions, accepting all:
  o United Kingdom
  o Ireland
  o Australia
  o New Zealand and Oceania
  o Europe
  o Mixed country programs
  This concludes the three-year review of the Duke approved list.
• The committee discussed the Duke-OTS decision to end partnership on undergraduate study abroad programs at the end of the spring 2018 term.

Committee Leadership and Membership

Ken Rogerson has agreed to serve a fourth and final year (2018-2019) as chair of the Global Education Committee. Leslie Digby and the two student representatives rotated off the committee.